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**2010 Fall Meeting Summary:**

The Fall Meeting of the Alberta Press Council, held October 15th in Calgary, proved to be productive and exciting in setting a revised course for the APC as it navigates the uncharted waters of the new environment in which the newspaper industry finds itself.

In addition to hearing reports, choosing the title for the annual essay competition and dealing with financial matters, the Council passed all the motions brought forward by the ad hoc Steering Committee. The motions were recommendations based on the work done by the committee and working teams between June and September.

As a result of the council passing these motions, the APC will shift the emphasis in its mandate to make its primary focus the protection, preservation, and promotion of the established freedoms of the press. (The reasons for doing this will be explained in an upcoming Chair's Blog.) Changes to the APC website, including the Chair's Blog, will raise the profile of the organization. As a result of several motions dealing with committees, the operations of the APC will change as well. To compensate for the loss of two member newspapers in the northern part of the province, it was agreed that the Alberta Weekly Newspapers Association will have one more press and one more public member on the Council.

The ad hoc Steering Committee was discharged with thanks, and special recognition was given to the extra work done by the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Colleen Wilson, in facilitating the work of the committee.

The APC also recognized the departure of Steven Wright from the Council and the retirement of Allan Mayer, Editor-in-Chief of the *Edmonton Journal*.

Bauni Mackay, chair